(c) whether Cultural Complex for Union Terriotory is proposed to be constructed where all the Academies are suitably accommodated?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi have informed that the office of the Punjabi academy is presently situated in Community Centre, Sadar Thana Road. Although, this is a congested locality but the surroundings are not unhygienic.

(b) and (c) Delhi Govt. have further informed that presently there is not plant to accommodate all academies at one place. However, they keep on acquiring more accommodation for various offices required from time to time. Such an exercise may be helpful for allotting alternative accommodation to any of the academies experiencing difficulty.

कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के प्रति जागरूकता कार्यक्रम

360. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार विभिन्न राज्यों के विद्यालयों में "कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के प्रति जागरूकता" कार्यक्रम का कार्यान्वयन कर रही है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत बिहार में अब तक कितने विद्यालयों को शामिल किया गया है, और

(ग) इस कार्यक्रम से कुल कितने विद्यार्थियों को लाभ पहुंचा है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डॉ॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) बिहार में "स्कूलों में कम्प्यूटर साक्षरता और अध्ययन" (क्लास योजना) की संशोधन-पूर्व योजना के अंतर्गत 123 स्कूल शामिल किए गए हैं। इससे लाभांवित छात्रों की कुल संख्या के बारे में आकड़ा इस विभाग में नहीं रखा जाता है।

Scheme of Apprenticeship training for vocational students

361. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Maharashtra to transfer the scheme of apprenticeship training for vocational students at +2 level from Board of Apprenticeship Training to State Government;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) the reasons for pendency of the proposal; and

(d) when a decision on this proposal will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In pursuance of the recommendation of 27th meeting of Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) held on 17.12.1996, a working Group has been constituted to suggest changes in the Apprentices Act, 1961 and rules framed thereunder in the light of new economic policy in respect of graduate engineer, technician and technical (vocational) apprentices. The Working Group constituted is looking into the various aspects of the scheme in respect of graduate engineer, technician and technician (vocational) apprentices as per the terms of reference and guidelines suggested to the Working Group.

Misappropriation of World Bank Aid in Bihar

362. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recently detected scam of misappropriation of the World Bank aid, running into crores of rupees, meant for the Integrated Child Development Scheme for children and pregnant women living below the poverty line in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the matter to know the factual position;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (d) A report from the State of Bihar has been called. The reply is awaited.

Regulation of Education in Private Schools

363. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact law for regulating education in private schools in different parts of the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (d) State/UT Govts. have been requested to send their views on the feasibility of enacting a central legislation in this respect since education is on concurrent list and school education is primarily the concern of State/UT Govts.

Action Plan for the Jakarta Asian Games

364. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan to prepare and train the Indian team for the Asian Games to be held next year at Jakarta;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Asian Games will be held from 6th to 20th December, 1998 at Bangkok (Thailand) and not next year at Jakarta.

(b) and (c) With view to fully prepare the Indian Teams in team events as well as individual events, the Government, the Sports Authority of India and National Federations of respective Games have jointly drawn up a Long Term Development Plan for each discipline to ensure that proper coaching is imparted to the sportspersons. In addition the sportspersons and teams have been exposed to intensive domestic and international competitions. Coaching camps have been held regularly in accordance with the calendar formulated in respect of each discipline. National Teams are being sent for regular participation in major international sports competitions such as Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championships, the World Cup Championships and other major international events.

The Government has also constituted a Discipline-wise Monitoring Committee headed by the Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI) with representatives of the National Federation and outstanding sportspersons of the discipline concerned as Members to monitor the preparation periodically. The discipline-wise Monitoring Committee of each discipline has met twice and reviewed the preparations of 1998 Commonwealth Games as well as Asian Games. In addition, a National Monitoring Committee headed by the Minister of State for Sports has also been constituted with representatives of the National Federations and outstanding sportspersons as Members. The National Monitoring Committee met on 11.11.97 under the Chairmanship of then the MOS and reviewed the preparations. Besides, the preparation for both the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games are reviewed regularly by the Government.

प्राथमिक शिक्षा के लिये विश्व बैंक सहायता

365. **श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्राथमिक शिक्षा के लिये विश्व बैंक द्वारा सहायता के रूप में कुल कितनी धनराशि दी गई है;

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान राज्य सरकारों द्वारा इस धनराशि का समुचित उपयोग किये जाने का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य सरकारों द्वारा उक्त धनराशि का समुचित उपयोग नहीं किया गया; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) गत तीन वर्षों (1995-96 से 1997-98) के दौरान, जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम (डी॰पी॰ई॰पी॰) की केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिए